

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

*The People of God in Pittsburgh, Thornburg, Ingram, and Crafton*

## OFFICE HOURS

*Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm*

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*Week of October 1, 2023*

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

### Saint Philip Church

50 West Crafton Ave.  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

### Ascension Church

114 Berry Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

### Guardian Angel Academy

915 Alice Street  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
 Mr. Robert Munz, Principal





## CONFESSION

Available Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at *Ascension Church*.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Matrimony:** The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Priesthood/Religious Life:** Contact the Pastor for more information.

**Victim's Assistance Hot-Line:** If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

**Protecting God's Children —**  
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse  
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

# LITURGY SCHEDULE

*Our Liturgies are celebrated at both Saint Philip Church, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh*

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — SAINT JEROME, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Rosemary Rynn	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Margaret O'Brien	Kathy & Rudy Fleck
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Audrey & Valentino Nania	McAlister Family
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 — TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Lena Manzella and Family	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy & Karl Kubiak	Family
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 — THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Matthew Dukovich	Rose
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Paul Meehan	Barb Pfender
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, VIRGIN AND BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Burton Ayres	Beth
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 — SAINT BRUNO, PRIEST</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 — OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Sister Adele Rogers	Cousin, Pat
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Michael J. Kimmel & Heather N. Metro	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	William A. Bayer	Carol Bayer
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Victor & Anna Zink	Marcy & Ed Tuszyński
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 — TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Paul Dacey	Rob Dacey & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Rosemary Rynn	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	James Edward Flynn	Maureen Flynn Waldron

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:** Should be submitted to [maureen@saintphilipchurch.org](mailto:maureen@saintphilipchurch.org) no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





# Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a blessed season of Autumn!

What does the Lord ask of you?

**This Sunday's passage for the Gospel according to Matthew** is very clear with its message: as disciples, friends, and co-workers of the Lord Jesus, we are called to fulfill our personal and community mission as Catholic Christians!

**As the Lord's holy Church**, our shepherds and leaders regularly remind us of what our community mission is: proclaim the Gospel - the Good News - and grow the Kingdom of God! We fulfill both of these church missions in so many ways - more ways in our nation and around the world than you and I realize.

**The Lord's people, the Catholic Church**, fulfill our mission through proclaiming and sharing the Lord's love with others, through our work of charity, through promoting justice and peace in our society, through sharing our faith with the next generations, through providing care as well as the spiritual and corporal works of mercy to our families and communities, and so much more.

**Our ancestors and we who are the Catholic Church** - with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit - have transformed this world in so many ways and have grown the Kingdom - the Presence - of God throughout these twenty centuries and throughout the world.

**Now, what's our individual role in this sacred work of the Lord?** What does Jesus call

you to do in your life and in your discipleship every day?

**Has Jesus called you** to be a loving and virtuous parents (and possibly grandparent, too)? Has Jesus called you to be of service to your neighbors and to our community? Has Jesus called you to give bold witness to Him through your words, actions, and holiness? The Lord needs ALL of us to actively carry out His work and His Kingdom. What is and what will be your role, your work, your mission now and in the year/s ahead?

**Please give your personal Christian Mission some thought today and this week.** Write your personal mission on paper. Place your written mission on your refrigerator or on your kitchen table. Then devote yourself to your mission - to the work of the Lord Jesus - each day and every year as we continue growing the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit every day and every year until the Kingdom of God comes to its fulfillment!

Best wishes for this October and the season of Autumn!

**Best wishes to you and all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable October and autumn!** May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now and always! Amen!

Yours,  
Father Jim Torquato

*Thank you for your generous  
financial contributions to*  
**SAINT PHILIP PARISH!**



Your goodness and participation  
help to keep our parish alive!



## LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



### *Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!*

So far, in the six weeks of this column, we've been reminded of the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings supported by you, our members, and our contributors. Here in Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 1.) one vital parish with two excellent churches and campuses;
- 2.) the celebration of the Liturgy and sacraments in both churches;
- 3.) the work of evangelization - sharing Jesus' Good News in many ways;
- 4.) a vital ministry of Catholic education and catechesis provided through Guardian Angel Academy and our various Faith Formation programs for children, youth, families, and adults in our parish: and
- 5.) a very charitable and generous community which provides for the poor in our own community as well as many neighbors who have needs in their life and family.
- 6.) our parish members and community have brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God.

**Today, it's good to recognize all the personal and family connections made among Saint Philip Parish members and families throughout the years.** We profess our Catholic Christian faith and live the Lord's way BOTH in our individual lives AND within our families and this community. We may not think of this often, but our parish's community life together has been very beneficial to all who participate. No one wants to be lonely and all alone. Our parish brings us together daily and weekly to profess our faith, to serve the Lord, and to share life with one another as friends and fellow disciples of the Lord. We can and should be thankful for all the friends and companions that our parish brings into our lives. May we all be grateful!

**Thank you very much for sharing your life and years with other members of the Saint Philip Parish community!** Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, goodness, and generosity keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"

## MASS INTENTIONS

for 2024

On Saturday, October 7, Mass Intention Request Forms for 2024 will be available in both Saint Philip and Ascension churches beginning at 8:00am. We'll also add the form to our parish internet site.

**A parish member or family may request** up to two (2) Sunday and two (2) weekday Mass Intentions for next year. You may also request a Sanctuary Lamp Memorial at both of our churches. Please complete the form, print clearly, include the required donation, and return your requests to the parish office.

Scheduled intentions will be sent to you by mail in **late November** once the intentions are scheduled.



### *Revitalizing Our Hospitality*

**As we enhance the life of our parish community** following the 2020-2022 Pandemic, we'd like to increase our hospitality at our weekend Liturgies. Yes, we greet each other before the Opening Song. Now, some of our members would like to invite our families and individuals to welcome all who enter our churches for the Liturgy in the spirit of Christian hospitality.

**Moving forward, it's important to greet everyone** who enters the church so that each person is welcomed with a smile and a greeting. Both families and individuals are invited to join our Parish Welcoming Teams. Please contact Katie Phillips (412-983-4541) this week if you'd like to be a member of this important ministry!



**Sunday, October 1**

Ezra 18:25-28;  
Philippians 2:1-11;  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Weekdays**

Nehemiah 1-8; Luke 9-10

**Sunday, October 8**

Isaiah 5:1-7;  
Philippians 4:6-9;  
Matthew 21:33-43

*Silence or  
Chit-Chat?*

**Here's the \$1,000,000 question:** should our time in church before the Liturgy be a time of silent personal prayer OR a time to greet and chat with one another in our weekly community gathering?

**This question has been asked for generations** since we were reminded that the Liturgy is both about prayer and the community assembly. They're "BOTH/AND" rather than being strictly one or the other.

**As such, there is - and always will be - a dynamic tension between the two realities of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies - silent prayer and community gathering.** Some come to church for silent prayer, and others come to the Liturgy to be with family, relatives, and friends. Some come for both!

**So, how can we achieve a respectful and fair approach to this issue?** As pastor, I suggest that we do our best - with charity and respect toward one another - to accommodate both

approaches.

**FIRST, please be sure to pray in silence at home every day** so that your time in church isn't the only time you spend time in personal prayer. Let's also remember that the Mass is NOT a time of silent, personal prayer; it truly is the prayer of the entire community gathered together in faith, joy, thanksgiving, song, and communal prayer to give worship and thanks - and to celebrate the Eucharist.

**SECOND,** if you enjoy being together each week with family, friends, and neighbors, **please**

**speak softly with one another.**

We CAN in fact have quiet conversations when we come together in church. There's no need to speak loudly or to become boisterous when we see one another. There's plenty of time to continue the chat after the Mass has concluded.

**Thank you for your attention to this matter,** and thank you for treating the issue of "silence or chit-chat" with Christian respect and charity toward everyone gathered in church. God bless!

-- Father Jim Torquato

**FINANCIAL REPORT** **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collections, **September 16-17 & 23-24** -- \$17,528.75\*

*\* Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations (16-17 & 23-24) -- \$3,020.00  
Maintenance donations (16-17 & 23-24) -- \$1,452.00  
Religious Education donations (16-17 & 23-24) -- \$1,136.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$850,409.00  
Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$155,856.37  
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 -- \$0.00  
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023 -- \$0.00  
General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$525.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$7,640.00  
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$2,175.00  
Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,295.00  
Average weekly insurance expenses -- \$1,186.00  
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy -- \$1,630.32

Parish members -- 3,463    Parish families -- 1,719  
Church attendance on September 23-24 -- 640  
Sunday envelopes used September 23-24 -- 311  
Sunday envelopes used September 16-17 -- 269  
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,106

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00  
Parish Appeal received as of September 24 -- \$162,255.62\*  
*\*Includes online Parish Appeal donations*  
2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352





# Parish News

## LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard, but it's our choice whether we "clock in" or stay home. Let's never fail to show up. It's the most important job we will ever have.



## PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

### *Prayer to Respect Life*

Dear Lord,  
What a gift You have given in every human life.  
Inspire us to respect Your handiwork in every human we encounter.  
Embolden us to protect the dignity of the most vulnerable members of society.  
Amen.

## OLSH SPEAKER SERIES

On **Monday, October 9 at 7:00pm** Dustin Dale, motivational speaker, best-selling author, and entrepreneur will speak on the topic of *Servant Leadership* at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. The event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required. Visit [www.olsh.org/apps/pages/speaker\\_series](http://www.olsh.org/apps/pages/speaker_series) to reserve your seat.



**Ronald McDonald House Charities\***  
Pittsburgh and Morgantown

Saint Philip Parish has always had the giving spirit. A call for help was never unanswered. If the parish couldn't do it then our Saint Vincent de Paul Society always did. One small, and usually forgotten, way to help the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh and Morgantown is by collecting **pop tabs, which can be dropped off at the Parish Office**. Although the metal recycling profit isn't as much as before, every penny helps. *We just sent a check in the amount of \$35.00. Thank you for your help in this worthy cause.*

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

A Public Square Rosary will be held **Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in the parking lot of Saint Philip Cemetery**. Thousands of people will be praying the Rosary at noon that day in reparation for the sins of our nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. Please consider joining us for this Marian events.

## Diaper Drive for Respect Life Month

Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh's Roselia Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program is in urgent need of diapers for their clients, **especially in sizes 4-5-6.**

**Please bring your donation of diapers and/or wipes to any Mass on October 7/8.**

You can also use Roselia's Amazon registry at <https://a.co/00e3V6E> to send supplies directly to them.

Thank you in advance, and God bless you!



## ST. PHILIP FLEA MARKET, BAKESALE & LUNCHEON

We are happy to announce the long-awaited Saint Philip Flea Market, Bake Sale and Luncheon will be held **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** in Ascension's Conner Hall. A \$2:00 Bag Sale will be held at 1:00pm.

Drop-Off dates will be October 2 (Monday), October 3 (Tuesday), October 5 (Thursday), October 9 (Monday), October 10 (Tuesday), and October 12 (Thursday) from 9:00am to 10:00am and 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

This is a good opportunity to de-clutter your home and a great way to raise funds for parish programs. **We are sorry but we are NOT able to accept clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, electronics, large appliances, large furniture, or anything with Freon.**

## SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE

Is baking your talent? Thanks to your help, our parish bake sales are a big draw at our parish events. We hope you might once again find some time to make something delicious for our Flea Market Bake Sale. Donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off on **Friday, October 13 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension's Conner Hall.**

Chocolate Chips, Snicker Doodles, Pecan Sandies, Snow Balls, Suga Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies, Thumbprints, Lady Locks, Brownies, Fudge, Homemade Candy... We love 'em all!

## EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION

In observance of the last apparition of Fatima 106 years ago, and this year of Eucharistic Revival, there will be a **Eucharistic Rosary Procession honoring Jesus and Mary on Friday, October 13 at 6:30pm at Ascension church.** The Luminous Mysteries will be prayed as we process around the church with the Eucharist, followed by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. After we reenter the church, there will be 15 minutes of silent adoration. A short homily on the True Presence will be given. Refreshments will be served in Conner Hall.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Gerard R. Bey, Jr.**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of*  
**Edward Spinnenweber**  
Offered by Kathleen Spinnenweber

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of*  
**Frank P. Demma**  
Offered by Helen Demma



## PARKWAY FLORIST

*Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.*

## DONATE ONLINE

## Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our ***We Share!*** internet service at [www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org](http://www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org).

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK



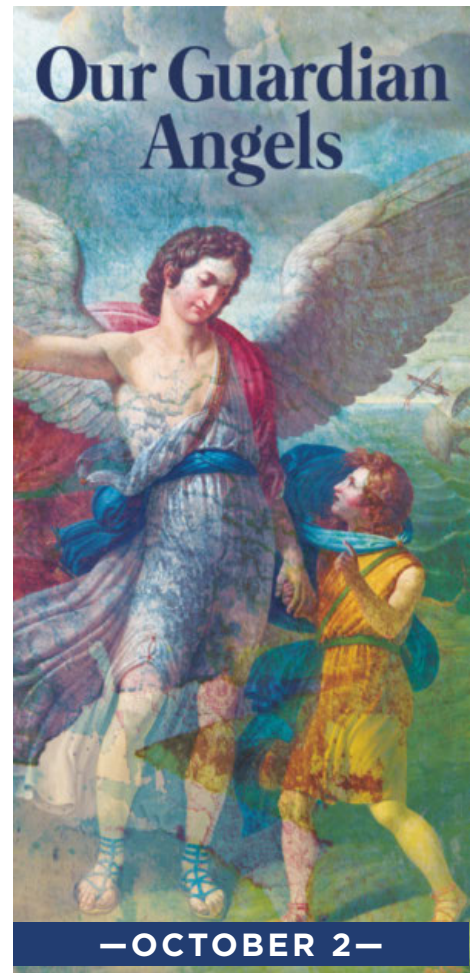


**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** October is here. Wow. There are so many wonderful feast days in this month. We begin with the Feast of Guardian Angels on October 2. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, *“The Church venerates the angels who help her on her earthly pilgrimage and protect every human being.”* Saint Basil proclaimed, *“Beside each believer stands an angel as a protector and shepherd leading him to life.”*

We each have a guardian angel to call our own. A friend of mine lost an important check. She prayed to Saint Anthony but still could not find it. It was suggested she ask her guardian angel who was there and would know where she put the check. She did and the check was discovered within an hour. We have a book titled, Angels For Kids, which we will give to our children in Faith Formation. If you would like a copy of this wonderful book about angels, feel free to call our office at 412-922-6388 and we will reserve you a copy. In case you have forgotten the prayer to our Guardian Angel, it is:

*“O angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God’s love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To watch and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”*

This week we also celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4. Saint Francis was the first to create a Nativity scene to help all understand the wonder of the birth of Christ. In 2023, we celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nativity scene.



**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY BEGINS:** On **Wednesday, October 18** we will begin Saint Philip Mental Health Ministry. This year, Mental Health Awareness Week is October 1-7, 2023. Perhaps you are looking for ways to understand and support a friend or family member or perhaps you are just searching for answers. In our time together, we will discover the role of faith in mental health and hear what God, Scripture and the Church have to say in light of the unique challenges and experiences of mental health problems. We will be using the *Sanctuary Course for Catholics*. Our program begins at 6:30pm with a light meal followed by an introduction, prayer, video and discussion. Our evening concludes at 8:15pm. If you would like to attend, register by calling 412-922-6388. All are welcome. You do not need to be Catholic to attend.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** *ChristLife Reunion* is coming **October 4**. There will be a reunion of anyone who attended *Discovering Christ*, *Following Christ*, or *Sharing Christ* on **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30pm** in the Saint Philip campus cafeteria. There will be a free dinner, video reflection, dessert and discussion. If you would like to attend, call 412-922-6388 for reservations.

# Children's LITURGY

Good News -- Children's liturgy will now be celebrated at both Ascension and Saint Philip churches. Our next Children's Liturgy at **Ascension will be held on October 8 at the 9:30am Mass** and our next Children's Liturgy at **Saint Philip will be held on October 22 at the 11:00am Mass.**

**FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION:** There will be a parent meeting for all children in Faith Formation and Catholic school participating in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00pm** in the Saint Philip campus library.

There will be a Recognition of all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students at the **9:30am Mass at Ascension church on Sunday, October 22.** The students will receive their First Mass Books and be recognized as preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. A donut, coffee and juice reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome to congratulate the families and enjoy some refreshments following Mass.

**MARY'S TEA:** There will be an afternoon tea on **Thursday, October 26 from 11:00am to 1:00pm** in Ascension Conner Hall. The afternoon will include finger sandwiches, sweet breads, fruit, a variety of cakes, and tea. Following the meal, there will be a talk and discussion on Mary and the Rosary. To register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith or complete the Sacraments of Initiation is invited to call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Sessions are held based upon your schedule.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Monday, October 2** - Faith Formation, 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

**Wednesday, October 4** - *ChristLife* Reunion Dinner, 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

**Thursday, October 5** - OCIA

**Thursday, October 5** - Scripture Sharing Group, 6:30pm at Ascension

**Monday, October 9** - Faith Formation, 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

**Thursday, October 12** - OCIA

**Friday, October 13** - Rosary Procession, 6:30pm at Ascension church

**Saturday, October 14** - Flea Market, Bake Sale and Luncheon, 9:00am to 2:00pm at Ascension

**Saturday, October 14** - Public Square Rosary, 12:00 noon at Saint Philip Cemetery

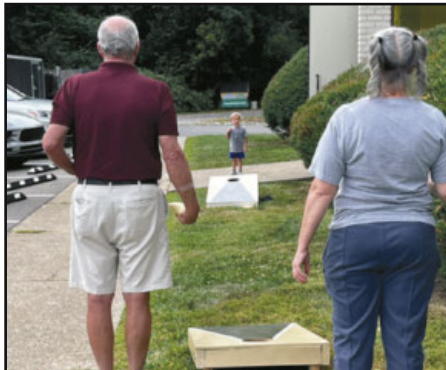


# SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC



On Sunday, September 17, Saint Philip Parish members and families gathered for the annual parish picnic in Conner Hall at Ascension. Nearly 180 members enjoyed a picnic dinner, music, each other's company, games, bingo, and caricatures without cost.

*Thanks to our coordinators, cooks, volunteers, donors, clean-up crew, and all who participated!*



**CHRISTLIFE**  
**REUNION**  
*Dinner*



**FEAST OF SAINT  
FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Wednesday, October 4**

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Saint Philip campus  
cafeteria

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**DINNER, VIDEO  
REFLECTION, DESSERT,  
DISCUSSION**

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**Call 412-922-6388**  
for reservations



*Mary's  
Tea*

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 26**

Ascension Conner Hall

**11:00am to 1:00pm**

Finger sandwiches,  
sweet breads, fruit,  
cakes, tea

Talk and Discussion  
on Mary of the Rosary

**Call 412-922-6388**  
for reservations





# Guardian Angel Academy

*One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)*

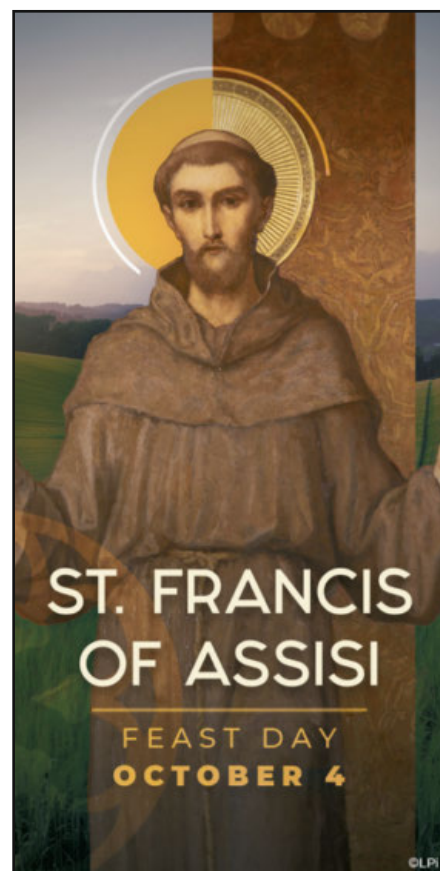
## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Guardian Angel Academy library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair open house in the school after all St. Margaret Church Masses on **October 14 & 15 (Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am)**. Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for the holidays. Preorder the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid at a special paperback price or the latest Cat Kid Comic Club graphic novel!

Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for families to preview the fair and help students make selections. Or shop online, [www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1), beginning October 13. All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards are accepted.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Guardian Angel Academy is seeking full and part-time maintenance/janitorial staff. The Maintenance/Janitorial Worker position is responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and repair of GAA's facilities and grounds. This position requires facility and equipment maintenance duties as well as various routine maintenance and repairs based on skill level and experience. Included are daily custodial duties including, but not limited to, cleaning services (e.g. trash removal, mopping, vacuuming, restroom cleaning, etc.) in the school building according to a weekly schedule and other duties as assigned. To apply, send an email to [Robert@srcespg.org](mailto:Robert@srcespg.org) with a letter of interest and resume.



Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Saint Francis of Assisi is known for his deep love of God the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit - as well as his love of all creatures and the natural world - and is the patron saint of the environment and animals.





## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Summer often means high electric bills for those who have central air conditioning or even those who run window air conditioners in an effort to stay cool. Unfortunately, for those who fall behind in paying their electric or gas bills during the summer, no grant programs are available. Thankfully, for those facing a hardship, such as a shut off, Dollar Energy Fund will be accepting applications starting tomorrow, October 2.

In order to apply for a Dollar Energy Fund grant at this time, you must meet certain income guidelines, your service must currently be off or you must be facing termination, and you must have made at least one good-faith payment of \$50 or one CAP payment within the last 90 days.

To find out if you qualify and to apply, you must go through one of Dollar Energy's partner agencies. Two local options are the Salvation Army located at 1821 Broadhead Fording Road and the Holy Family Institute located at 19 May Avenue in McKees Rocks. The Salvation Army's phone number is 412-921-9780 and the Holy Family Institute's phone number is 412-322-6588. For more information about other utility providers that participate in the Dollar Energy Fund, visit [www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania](http://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania).

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, or donate online by visiting us at

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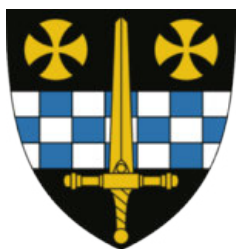


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# Around the Diocese and Community

## CATHOLIC "PRAISE NATION" DINNER

*Praise Nation* invites you to its first annual benefit dinner, "*Praising with the Saints in Glory*," on **Sunday, Nov. 5 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm**, at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park.

The event will offer live entertainment, basket raffles and a delicious dinner! The evening begins with hors d'oeuvres and drinks followed by a buffet dinner. Live piano and violin music will entertain during dinner followed by a brief talk about *Praise Nation* from Joe Jacobs.

Joining us for the evening will be Bishop David Zubik along with our keynote speaker, Father Scott Seethaler. The evening will close with a raffle of baskets, announcements and a final Blessing. To purchase tickets, use the QR code below, call 412-841-2417, or visit our website at [praisenationpgh.org](http://praisenationpgh.org) for tickets.



## THE "PRAISE NATION" STORY

When the *On Mission* process started, Bishop Zubik asked Father Levi Hartle to serve as a consultant to the Worship Office to help spread, through praise and worship music, zeal for Jesus, which the Bishop had experienced at the Blessed Trinity Parish Festivals of Praise.

In 2019, three years after monthly Festivals of Praise had begun, through much prayer, the words "*Praise Nation*" came both to Fr. Levi and Joe Jacobs. Six months later, after a period of discernment and discussion among the Festival of Praise leadership team, the Blessed Trinity Parish Festival of Praise leadership team felt called to begin *Praise Nation*!

*Praise Nation* is now a 501(c)3 that spreads Catholic praise and music within our Diocese

and throughout the country and the world. We have written, recorded and released many Catholic songs of praise. Best used in the context of adoration, our songs also can be used in everyday prayer life. Our strong social media presence continues to grow, as we now have almost one million views on YouTube, a growing Spotify listening base, Instagram followers and many Facebook friends. (Take a moment to visit [www.praisenationpgh.org](http://www.praisenationpgh.org).)

Recently we heard from a young man named Rider who told us he was forced by his grandmother to attend one of our praise events. While there, something changed in him: he said he began to love God in a real and personal way! Now he says he cannot get enough of *Praise Nation* and he loves Jesus so much!

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Saint Paul Cathedral on **October 15 at 2:30pm**. This Mass will honor all Catholic couples who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2023.

If your parents or another couple you love is celebrating or has celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year, we would love to honor them at this Mass with a certificate of congratulations. Share the following link with any couples who may want to participate: <https://diopitt.org/gwa23>.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD OF HEALING

Healing broken hearts one weekend at a time, Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat for post-abortion healing and reconciliation. This weekend is open to any woman or man who is struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents and siblings of aborted children, and those who were involved in the abortion industry, can find peace and healing. **The Retreat Weekend is October 13-15.** The cost is \$175 and includes single occupancy room, all meals, reflection and prayer, safe nurturing environment, and Holy Mass and memorial. For reservations, call Tony Jester at 412-352-5348 or [toni@rvofpgh.com](mailto:toni@rvofpgh.com).



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